* Launching of the Jute Technology Mission in 2006-07 to harness the potential of the golden fibre along with establishment of a National Jute Board.

(xi) Government has launched the Debt Restructuring Scheme w.e.f. Sept., 2003 with the principal objective to permit banks to lend to the textile sector at 8-9% rate of interest.

In order to cater to the growing skilled manpower requirements at shop floor level, Government is providing assistance for strengthening existing and opening new Apparel Training and Design Centres (ATDCs).

Government has allowed 100% Foreign Direct Investment in the textile sector under automatic route.

(xiv) Government has de-reserved the readymade garments, hosiery and knitwear from SSI sector so that large scale investments may be encouraged in these sectors.

(xv) National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) has been set up to provide the leadership role in sensitizing the Industry to the concept of value addition by inducting trained professionals to manage the industry. This has resulted in an increased demand for trained professionals in various sectors servicing the industry.

(xvi) To take a serious look at Fashion Education in the changing business context of the opening up of World Economies, Government is taking steps for:—

* Establishing an institution of National Excellence for imparting Fashion Business Education with International Benchmarking.

* appointing a nodal agency for standardizing and benchmarking Fashion Business Education in the country.

* Setting up an Apex Body to train the teacher/trainers imparting Fashion Business Education in the country.

Reform in handloom sector

†2875.MISSANUSUIYAUIKEY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the reforms being carried out in the handloom sector;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) the details of amount provided for this purpose, State-wise; and

(c) by when these funds would be available to the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (c) The Government is implementing a number of schemes to enhance production, productivity and efficiency of the handloom sector and to enhance the income and socio-economic status of the weavers by upgrading their skills and providing infrastructural input and marketing support. The main developmental schemes are Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana, Integrated Handloom Training Project, Marketing Promotion Programme, Mill Gate Price Scheme, Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme, Weavers' Welfare Scheme and Handloom Export Scheme. Further more, new schemes of Integrated Handloom Cluster Development (IHCD), Mahatama Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojna and Health Insurance Scheme have been launched in the year 2005-06 and Handloom Mark and Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme have been launched in the year 2006-07. Statement I and II of funds released to various States under Plan & Non Plan schemes during the last three years are annexed.

Statement-I

Details of releases made during the year 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06 & 2006-07 under different Handloom Plan Schemes.

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of State	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07 (upto 7.7.06)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	66.92	20.76	122.25	397.00	41.34
2.	Andhra Pradesh	1320.94	1784.14	848.21	829.44	613.48
3.	Assam	1131.92	762.86	469.33	409.12	158.08
4.	Bihar	6.25	12.62	—	—	—
5.	Chhattisgarh	89.71	46.63	18.70	19.72	—
6.	Goa	—	—	—	—	—
7.	Gujarat	52.25	64.18	22.55	50.42	—
8.	Haryana	17.57	35.26	69.71	32.10	—
9.	Himachal Pradesh	201.32	173.32	110.59	82.13	—

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10.	Jharkhand	8.60	—	—	38.22	40.89
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	85.31	40.76	63.41	31.13	2.00
12.	Karnataka	498.57	451.40	472.18	1140.59	54.27
13.	Kerala	1152.17	821.84	706.53	372.42	—
14.	Madhya Pradesh	114.20	45.23	61.22	83.52	4.78
15.	Maharashtra	106.24	11.66	60.73	43.85	137.50
16.	Manipur	608.57	115.79	480.70	486.17	259.57
17.	Mizoram	53.98	32.19	2774	24.74	11.87
18.	Meghalaya	19.73	3.91	3.97	26.56	—
T9.	Nagaland	163.88	1114.22	903.13	1239.91	247.60
20.	Orissa	40.34	78.03	250.33	276.97	70.84
21.	Pondicherry	—	—	—	—	—
22.	Punjab	21.10	—	5.33	—	—
23.	Rajasthan	86.53	122.14	124.66	88.19	2.92
24.	Sikkim	2.97	—	—	—	—
25.	Tamil Nadu	2982.48	2619.46	3978.96	4910.25	388.30
26.	Tripura	27.35	35.98	54.16	32.13	0.76
27.	Uttar Pradesh	872.09	1070.08	1366.90	1407.76	14.95
28.	Uttaranchal	79.22	10.13	62.31	21.54	22.28
29.	West Bengal	401.67	180.45	961.26	440.39	—
30.	Delhi	164.02	112.00	115.43	15.73	—
	TOTAL:	10375.90	9765.04	11360.29	12500.00	2071.43

Statement-ll

Details of releases made during the year 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06 & 2006-07 under different Handloom Schemes (Non-Plan).

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of State	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07 (upto 7.7.06)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	—	—	—	—	—
2.	Andhra Pradesh	—	949.46	253.89	582.55	11.09
3.	Assam	1.50	114.90	625.40	368.41	—
4.	Bihar	—	97.80	—	—	—
5.	Chhatisgarh	—	—	—	15.29	—

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
6.	Goa	—	—	—	—	—
7.	Gujarat	60.76	14.16	108.30	48.58	—
8.	Haryana	—	—	179.19	77.80	—
9.	Himachal Pradesh	38.50	—	71.21	35.06	—
10.	Jharkhand	—	—	—	—	—
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	42.65	—	112.07	147.43	—
12.	Karnataka	—	266.03	245.60	55.80	—
13.	Kerala	45.60	294.19	731.58	215.97	—
14.	Madhya Pradesh	—	42.80	7.20	6.23	—
15.	Maharashtra	17.82	—	—	—	—
16.	Manipur	—	33.00	—	—	—
17.	Mizoram	—	11.13	3.05	150.62	—
18.	Meghalaya	—	0.10	—	—	—
19.	Nagaland	—	—	—	—	—
20.	Orissa	119.65	158.89	416.15	623.49	—
21.	Pondicherry	—	—	13.49	27.87	—
22.	Punjab	22.31	—	10.23	—	—
23.	Rajasthan	—	11.72	61.53	76.04	—
24.	Sikkim	—	—	—	—	—
25.	Tamil Nadu	38.06	560.85	695.42	572.84	—
26.	Tripura	—	12.05	19.13	—	—
27.	Uttar Pradesh	113.15	193.62	656.43	705.20	—
28.	Uttaranchal	—	6.98	—	—	—
29.	West Bengal	—	356.16	338.06	253.31	—
30.	Delhi	—	—	25.00	—	—
	TOTAL:	500.00	3123.84	4572.93	3962.49	11.09

Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme

2876. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J.PANDA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme for modernization of the Textiles Industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is a delay in disbursement of funds under this Scheme, which is causing hardship to the industry;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and